

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Andreas Schuetze  
Appln. No. : 10/540,162  
Filed : December 23, 2005  
Title : VACUUM ARC SOURCE WITH DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A  
MAGNETIC FIELD

Conf. No. : 3597  
TC/A.U. : 1795  
Examiner : Michael Band

Customer No. : 116  
Docket No. : UNAX1-38300

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 23, 2009 (Paper No. 20090112). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on April 23, 2009. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended 1 month, up to and including May 26, 2009 (note that May 23 was a Saturday, and Monday, May 25 was a federal holiday – Memorial Day).

The application has been amended to remove multiple-multiple dependencies. There are now a net total of 37 claims in the application, including all multiple dependencies. Applicant paid for 35 claims on filing, leaving two claims yet unpaid-for.

Please charge the \$130 extension fee and the \$104 extra-claim fee for two extra claims to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. UNAX1-38300.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.